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This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) in the above-referenced case dated January 26, 2004. Reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.